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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The relevance of the foreign-language document is described in the present specification listed document was cited by the Japanese Patent Office (JPO) in connection with a counterpart application. In reference to the cited reference, the JPO stated as follows:

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Fields searched	IPC 7th Edition
H04M	3/02 – 3/06
H04M	19/00 – 19/08
H04Q	1/30 – 1/56
H04Q	3/42
H04Q	3/70 – 3/74

Prior Art Literature

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication S61–057166

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English-language abstracts for the cited references are enclosed. Full English-language translations of the foreign-language documents are not readily available. However, the absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

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